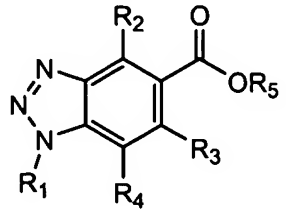
In the Claims

Please amend the claims according to the claim listing provided below.

1. (currently amended) A compound of Formula (I):



(I)

wherein:

R_1 is C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl or C_{1-6} haloalkyl, wherein the C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl and C_{1-6} haloalkyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3 or 4 substituents selected from the group consisting of C_{1-6} acyl, C_{1-6} acyloxy, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarboxamido, C_{2-6} alkynyl, C_{1-6} alkylsulfinyl, C_{1-6} alkylsulfonyl, C_{1-6} alkylthio, C_{1-6} alkylureyl, amino, C_{1-6} alkylamino, aryl, substituted aryl, C_{1-6} dialkylamino, carbo C_{1-6} alkoxy, carboxy, cyano, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} dialkylcarboxamido, halogen, C_{1-6} haloalkoxy, C_{1-6} haloalkyl, C_{1-6} haloalkylsulfinyl, C_{1-6} haloalkylsulfonyl, C_{1-6} haloalkylthio, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, hydroxyl, nitro and thiol;

R_2, R_3 and R_4 are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, C_{1-6} acyl, C_{1-6} acyloxy, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarboxamido, C_{2-6} alkynyl, C_{1-6} alkylsulfinyl, C_{1-6} alkylsulfonyl, C_{1-6} alkylthio, C_{1-6} alkylureyl, amino, C_{1-6} alkylamino, C_{1-6} dialkylamino, carbo C_{1-6} alkoxy, carboxy, cyano, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} dialkylcarboxamido, halogen, C_{1-6} haloalkoxy, C_{1-6} haloalkyl, C_{1-6} haloalkylsulfinyl, C_{1-6} haloalkylsulfonyl, C_{1-6} haloalkylthio, hydroxyl, nitro and thiol; and

R_5 is H or C_{1-6} alkyl; or

a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate ~~or a solvate~~ thereof;

provided that:

a) when R_5 is ethyl, and R_2, R_3 and R_4 are H then R_1 is not methyl or triphenylmethyl;

b) when R_5 is n-pentyl, and R_2, R_3 and R_4 are H then R_1 is not n-butyl;

c) when R_5 is methyl, and R_2, R_3 and R_4 are H then R_1 is not pyrrolidin-1-ylmethyl, 3-tert-butyl-2-hydroxy-5-methyl-benzyl, methyl, or dimethylaminomethyl;

d) when R_5 is methyl, R_2 is carbomethoxy and R_3 and R_4 are both H then R_1 is not methyl;

e) when R_2, R_3, R_4 and R_5 are all H then R_1 is not 2-amino-2-carboxy-ethyl, pyrrolidin-1-ylmethyl, isopropyl, methyl, benzyl, n-butyl, or carboxymethyl; and

f) when R_2, R_4, and R_5 are all H and R_3 is methoxy then R_1 is not methyl.

2. (currently amended) A compound according to claim 1 wherein:

R_1 is C_{3-6} cycloalkyl or C_{1-6} haloalkyl, wherein each C_{3-6} cycloalkyl ~~or~~ and C_{1-6} haloalkyl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 substituents selected form the group consisting of C_{1-6} acyl, C_{1-6} acyloxy, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarboxamido, C_{2-6} alkynyl, C_{1-6} alkylsulfinyl, C_{1-6} alkylsulfonyl, C_{1-6} alkylthio, C_{1-6} alkylureyl, amino, C_{1-6} alkylamino, C_{1-6} dialkylamino, carbo C_{1-6} alkoxy, carboxy, cyano, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} dialkylcarboxamido, halogen, C_{1-6} haloalkoxy, C_{1-6} haloalkyl, C_{1-6} haloalkylsulfinyl, C_{1-6} haloalkylsulfonyl, C_{1-6} haloalkylthio, hydroxyl, nitro and thiol;

R_2, R_3 and R_4 are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, C_{1-6} acyl, C_{1-6} acyloxy, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarboxamido, C_{2-6} alkynyl, C_{1-6} alkylsulfinyl, C_{1-6} alkylsulfonyl, C_{1-6} alkylthio, C_{1-6} alkylureyl, amino, C_{1-6} alkylamino, C_{1-6} dialkylamino, carbo C_{1-6} alkoxy, carboxy, cyano, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} dialkylcarboxamido, halogen, C_{1-6} haloalkoxy, C_{1-6} haloalkyl, C_{1-6} haloalkylsulfinyl, C_{1-6} haloalkylsulfonyl, C_{1-6} haloalkylthio, hydroxyl, nitro ~~or~~ and thiol; and

R_5 is H or C_{1-6} alkyl; or

a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate ~~or a solvate~~ thereof.

3. (currently amended) The compound according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~ wherein R_5 is C_{1-6} alkyl.

4. (currently amended) The compound according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~ wherein R_5 is H.

5. (currently amended) The compound according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1 ~~to 4~~ wherein R_2, R_3 and R_4 are each independently H or halogen.

6. (currently amended) The compound according to ~~any one of~~ claims ~~1 to 4~~ wherein R_2, R_3 and R_4 are each independently H or F.

7. (currently amended) The compound according to ~~any one of~~ claims ~~1 and 3 to 6~~ wherein R_1 is C_{1-8} alkyl optionally substituted with substituents selected from the group consisting of C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{2-6} alkynyl, C_{1-6} alkylsulfinyl, C_{1-6} alkylsulfonyl, C_{1-6} alkylthio, aryl, substituted aryl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, halogen, C_{1-6} haloalkoxy, C_{1-6} haloalkylsulfinyl, C_{1-6} haloalkylsulfonyl, C_{1-6} haloalkylthio, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, and hydroxyl.

8. (currently amended) The compound according to ~~any one of~~ claims ~~1 and 3 to 6~~ wherein R_1 is selected from the group consisting of 2-butyl, 3-pentyl, 1-propyl, t-butyl, 1-butyl, 4-Methyl-pentyl, 3-methyl-butyl, 1,3-dimethyl-butyl, 3,3-dimethyl-butyl, 1-heptyl, ethyl, 2,2-dimethyl-propyl, and 1-pentyl.

9. (currently amended) The compound according to ~~any one of~~ claims ~~1 and 3 to 6~~ wherein R_1 is selected from the group consisting of 3-methoxy-benzyl, 4-methoxy-benzyl, 4-methoxy-phenyl ethyl, 3-methoxy-phenyl ethyl, 3,5-difluorobenzyl, and benzhydryl.

10. (currently amended) The compound according to ~~any one of~~ claims ~~1 and 3 to 6~~ wherein R_1 is selected from the group consisting of 3-isopropoxypropyl, tetrahydro-furan-2-ylmethyl, 2-methoxy-ethyl, 2-ethylsulfanyl-ethyl, 3-hydroxy-propyl, allyl, cyclopropylmethyl, but-2-ynyl, 2-methoxy-1-methyl-ethyl, 2-hydroxy-1-hydroxymethyl-ethyl, 2-ethoxy-ethyl, and 1,2-dimethyl-propyl.

11. (currently amended) The compound according to ~~any one of~~ claims ~~1 to 6~~ wherein R_1 is selected from the group consisting of cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopropyl, and cyclobutyl.

12. (currently amended) The compound according to claim 1 selected from the group consisting of:

1-Cyclopentyl-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;
1-(2'-Butyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;
1-(3'-Pentyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;
1-Cyclohexyl-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid

1-Propyl-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

1-Cyclopropyl-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

1-(3'-Isopropoxy-propyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

1-(Tetrahydro-furan-2'-ylmethyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

1-Cyclobutyl-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

1-(2-Methoxy-ethyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

1-(3'Methoxybenzyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

1-(4'Methoxybenzyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

1-[2'-(4''-Methoxy-phenyl)-ethyl~~amino~~]-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

1-[2'-(3''-Methoxy-phenyl)-ethyl~~amino~~]-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

1-(3',5'-Difluorobenzyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

1-(2-Ethylsulfanyl-ethyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

1-t-Butyl-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

1-(3'-Hydroxy-propyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

1-(1',3'-Dimethyl-butyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

1-(3',3'-Dimethyl-butyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

1-Heptyl-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

1-(2'-Methoxy-1'-methyl-ethyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

1-(2'-Hydroxy-1'-hydroxymethyl-ethyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

1-Ethyl-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

1-Pentyl-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

1-(2',2'-Dimethyl-propyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

1-(2'-Ethoxy-ethyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

1-(1',2'-Dimethyl-propyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

1-Benzhydryl-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

1-Allyl-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

1-Butyl-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

1-(Cyclopropylmethyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

1-(But-2-ynyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

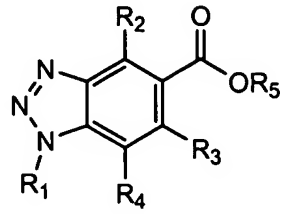
1-(4'-Methyl-pentyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid; and

1-(3'-Methyl-butyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid; or

a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.

13. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to~~:~~

~~a)~~ Formula (**I**):



(I)

wherein:

R_1 is H, ~~C_{1-6}~~C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl or C_{1-6} haloalkyl, wherein each C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl ~~or~~ and C_{1-6} haloalkyl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 substituents selected from the group consisting of C_{1-6} acyl, C_{1-6} acyloxy, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarboxamido, C_{2-6} alkynyl, C_{1-6} alkylsulfinyl, C_{1-6} alkylsulfonyl, C_{1-6} alkylthio, C_{1-6} alkylureyl, amino, C_{1-6} alkylamino, C_{1-6} dialkylamino, carbo C_{1-6} alkoxy, carboxy, cyano, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} dialkylcarboxamido, halogen, C_{1-6} haloalkoxy, C_{1-6} haloalkyl, C_{1-6} haloalkylsulfinyl, C_{1-6} haloalkylsulfonyl, C_{1-6} haloalkylthio, hydroxyl, nitro ~~or~~ and thiol;

R_2, R_3 and R_4 are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, C_{1-6} acyl, C_{1-6} acyloxy, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarboxamido, C_{2-6} alkynyl, C_{1-6} alkylsulfinyl, C_{1-6} alkylsulfonyl, C_{1-6} alkylthio, C_{1-6} alkylureyl, amino, C_{1-6} alkylamino, C_{1-6} dialkylamino, carbo C_{1-6} alkoxy, carboxy, cyano, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} dialkylcarboxamido, halogen, C_{1-6} haloalkoxy, C_{1-6} haloalkyl, C_{1-6} haloalkylsulfinyl, C_{1-6} haloalkylsulfonyl, C_{1-6} haloalkylthio, hydroxyl, nitro ~~or~~ and thiol; and

R_5 is H or C_{1-6} alkyl; or

a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof~~; or~~

~~b) any one of claims 1 to 12; wherein said compound is~~ , in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

14. (original) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 13 further comprising an agent selected from the group consisting of α-glucosidase inhibitor, aldose reductase inhibitor, biguanide, HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor, squalene synthesis inhibitor, fibrate, LDL catabolism enhancer, angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor, insulin secretion enhancer and thiazolidinedione.

15. (canceled)

16. (canceled)

17. (canceled)

18. (canceled)

19. (canceled)

20. (currently amended) A method of treatment of a metabolic-related disorder comprising administering to an individual in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a ~~compound~~ pharmaceutical composition according to claim 13 ~~any one of claims 1 to 12~~.

21. (original) A method according to claim 20 wherein said metabolic-related disorder is selected from the group consisting of dyslipidemia, atherosclerosis, coronary heart disease, insulin resistance and type 2 diabetes.

22. (canceled)

23. (canceled)

24. (canceled)

25. (canceled)

26. (new) A method of treatment of a metabolic-related disorder comprising administering to an individual in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.

27. (new) A method according to claim 26 wherein said metabolic-related disorder is selected from the group consisting of dyslipidemia, atherosclerosis, coronary heart disease, insulin resistance and type 2 diabetes.

28. (new) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 13 wherein said compound is selected from the group consisting of:

1-Isopropyl-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;
1-Cyclopentyl-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;
1-(2'-Butyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;
1-(3'-Pentyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;
1-Cyclohexyl-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;
1-Benzyl-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;
1-Propyl-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;
1-Cyclopropyl-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;
1-(3'-Isopropoxy-propyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;
1-(Tetrahydro-furan-2'-ylmethyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;
1-Cyclobutyl-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;
1-(2-Methoxy-ethyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;
1-(3'Methoxybenzyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;
1-(4'Methoxybenzyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;
1-[2'-(4''-Methoxy-phenyl)-ethyl]-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;
1-[2'-(3''-Methoxy-phenyl)-ethyl]-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;
1-(3',5'-Difluorobenzyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;
1-(2-Ethylsulfanyl-ethyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;
1-t-Butyl-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;
1-(3'-Hydroxy-propyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;
1-(1',3'-Dimethyl-butyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;
1-(3',3'-Dimethyl-butyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;
1-Heptyl-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;
1-(2'-Methoxy-1'-methyl-ethyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;
1-(2'-Hydroxy-1'-hydroxymethyl-ethyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;
1-Ethyl-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;
1-Pentyl-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

1-(2',2'-Dimethyl-propyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

1-(2'-Ethoxy-ethyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

1-(1',2'-Dimethyl-propyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

1-Benzhydryl-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

1-Allyl-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

1-Butyl-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

1-(Cyclopropylmethyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

1-(But-2-ynyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid;

1-(4'-Methyl-pentyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid; and

1-(3'-Methyl-butyl)-1H-benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid; or

a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.